Please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims Please amend Claims 10, 19, 25, 31 and 39. (Twice amended) The method of Claim 9 wherein the monoclonal antibody or an 10. antibody binding fragment thereof has the binding affinity of monoclonal antibody 26-10 for hypothalamic inhibitory factor. (Twice mended) The method of Claim 18 wherein the monoclonal antibody or an 19. antibody binding fragment thereof has the binding affinity of monoclonal antibody 26-10 for hypothalamic inhibitory factor. (Twice amended) The method of Claim 24 wherein the monoclonal antibody or an 25. antibody binding fragment thereof has the binding affinity of monoclonal antibody 26-10 for hypothalamic inhibitory factor. (Twice amended) The method of Claim 28 wherein the monoclonal antibody or an 31. antibody binding fragment thereof has the binding affinity of monoclonal antibody 26-10 for hypothalamic inhibitory factor. 39. (Twice amended) The method of Claim 38 wherein the monoclonal antibody or an antibody binding fragment thereof has the binding affinity of monoclonal antibody 26-10 for hypothalamic inhibitory factor.

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).